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CIA—Code Name for Murder Incorporated

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IN THE GREAT DEBATE now taking place about peaceful coexistence a thing that stands out is the necessity of guarantees on non-interference in the affairs of other countries. This principle of non-interference is one of the five points agreed upon between

the Chinese and Indian governments, the Chinese and Burmese, India and Vietnam. It is one of the things which the Soviet Union is proposing to our country.

However, one of the most serious charges out of Washington against the Soviet Union is that Moscow is not sincere about this proposal. An article by Dana Adams Schmidt in the N.Y. Times (Nov. 17) giving the Washington view of coexistence, charges:

"Meanwhile Soviet expansionism through the Communist Parties of the world continues, as is borne out by news from Southeast Asia. The United States officials observe that the indications of subversive work in South Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia belie Soviet protestations of non-interference in other countries' affairs."

The article doesn't spell out the form such "expansionism" takes. And the irony is that it appeared the very day news broke that Gen. Lawton Collins, U.S. Chief of Staff, had travelled to South Vietnam and arranged for the U.S. army to take over the training, equipment and direction of the South Vietnamese army. And this after the New York Times has admitted many times that if a free election were held in Vietnam the overwhelming majority would vote for the Ho Chi Minh government.

The article couldn't very easily spell out the situation in Indonesia because there the government has officially solicited the backing of the Communist Party of Indonesia, which makes for a strange kind of subversion.

As for Thailand, the new ambassador from the U.S. has just arrived there. His name? John Peurifoy. His last assignment? The overthrow of the Arbenz government in Guatemala. Is this an idle charge? We refer the reader to the accompanying advertisement that appeared in the New York Times.

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WHICH brings us to the subject of actual subversion and in-

terference in other countries. There is a very frank and documented admission available as to who is responsible for that sort of thing all over the world. It is complete not just with cloak and dagger—but with the blowing up of trains and bridges, with assassinations and murder, with the overthrow of governments in Iran, Egypt as well as Guatemala.

It appears in a series of articles published in the Saturday Evening Post. The title of the series, which appeared in the Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 issues, was "America's Secret Agents: The Mysterious Doings of CIA." The authors are Richard and Gladys Harkness. They received the full cooperation of CIO chief Allen Dulles. Among the purposes of these articles was to answer Joe McCarthy's charges that CIA was shot through with Communists. The authors set out to prove what a marvelous anti-Communist Job CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) is doing.

Little political interest would be attached to this series if it dealt merely with intelligence or spy activities which in the world of today are conducted by all governments. There must be precious few people left who believe the outraged cries of protest whenever some intelligence agent is caught in one of the socialist countries and the impression given that we never had a spy since Nathan Hale. But as we noted, this is not really a revelation.

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WHAT IS TRULY an amazing admission in this series is that CIA is avowedly conducting subversion, murder, arson, slaughter of women and children. The articles contain documented proof that force and violence against governments with which we maintain diplomatic relations is the regular business of our government through CIA.

We're dealing here not with propaganda, not with so-called "in-

filtration" into various organizations, not collection of information, not just the "incitement or teaching and advocacy of violence," but the cold blooded policy of murder, arson, dynamite and actual overthrow of government's with which we have diplomatic relations!

In the Nov. 6 article the Harknesses write:

"Besides its spy network and the open CIA function of research, the agency operates a super-clandestine third force—the top secret activity of aiding and abetting freedom forces where the patriotism of captive peoples may be fanned from a spark into action."

The "Freedom forces" in question are identified by the authors, as the Shah of Iran, Nasser and Naguib of Egypt and Castillo of Guatemala.

In the same article the authors, who received their information directly from the CIA, describe this "third force" activity:

"In another country, where the resistance movement is small but daring, a CIA agent dispatched a band of saboteurs to a trestle on the main red supply line. Under cover of night the underground leader attached a small piece of gooey plastic explosive to a main timber as simply as a schoolgirl would stick her chewing gum to the underside of the seat at the moving pictures. The next day the red-controlled press called for the arrest of 'foreign and criminal elements responsible for attacks against the state' in blowing up another peoples bridge."

We commend to our readers the "humorous" vein in which the blowing up of bridges, trains and passengers on such trains is described. The description is not of a military train in time of war in a country with which we are at war. The description is of the action of a CIA agent in a country which has an ambassador in Washington and

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TODAY IS POST DAY

OUR SECRET AGENTS

First exclusive report on the CIA

Many Americans don't even know it exists. Yet the Central Intelligence Agency is perhaps more important to our security than the H-bomb. In "The Mysterious Doings of CIA," Richard and Gladys Harkness reveal the part it played in overthrowing King Farouk in Egypt, Premier Mossadegh in Iran, President Arbenz in Guatemala—and how its agents operate behind the Iron Curtain!

This ad for the Saturday Evening Post appeared in the New York Times boasting of the part the CIA played in overthrowing the governments of Egypt, Iran and Guatemala.

where we have our ambassador. American Egyptian military junta tary junta leader General Naguib in Egypt pointed up the strictly phony character of any constitutional basis for the present regime in Egypt. But let the authors of the Statepost series describe who is busy collecting kings and presidents and satellites these days.

The incident is as clear evidence as the world has ever seen who is responsible for interference in other countries, who is carrying out acts of force and violence, who is aggravating tensions, organizing subversion and poisoning the wells of international relations.

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